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Lt. Governor Becky Skillman Honors Tourism Industry with Milestone Awards

INDIANAPOLIS – Lt. Governor Becky Skillman presented nine Milestone Awards to the tourism industry during a ceremony Tuesday night in Indianapolis. The awards, sponsored by the Indiana office of Tourism Development, are given to tourism-related attractions or organizations celebrating 75 years or more in operation. This year's recipients of the Milestone Award are:

Fort Wayne Museum of Art (Fort Wayne)	85 Years
The Historic Embassy Theatre (Fort Wayne)	80 Years
Marengo Cave (Crawford County)	. 125 Years
Monastery Immaculate Conception (Ferdinand)	140 Years
National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association (Friendship)	75 Years
Nick's Kitchen (Huntington)	100 Years
Town of Corydon (Harrison County)	200 Years

"The winners of this award have enhanced Indiana's tourism industry through their hard work and commitment to making visitors feel welcome," said Lt. Governor Skillman. "We applaud them for their years of success, and thank them for the role they play in building a strong tourism industry that helps the economies of Indiana communities."

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Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman oversees the Indiana Office of Tourism Development. Amy Vaughan serves as the agency's director.